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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes
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JUNE 11, 2002, AGENDA ITEM NO. 54 SAN GABRIEL RIVER MASTER PLAN

This memo is in response to your inquiry about alternative funding for the above agenda item. The item was continued from the June 4, 2002, agenda. Public Works had pursued Propositions 12 and 13 and will pursue Proposition 40 grant funds to help finance the development of the San Gabriel River Master Plan (SGRMP). The SGRMP will identify opportunities to enhance the river's resources for recreation, habitat, and open space along the river corridor.

The SGRMP was ineligible for Proposition 12 grant funds because it was considered as a study project rather than an implementation project. Also, it was ineligible for Proposition 13 grant funds because it did not include the entire watershed area or focus on water quality issues in the planning study. The Proposition 40 grant application process has not been established yet as the State is currently deliberating on the fund distribution policy. We will apply, if eligible, as soon the State's funding procedures are established. However, we have been told by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy that the portion of Proposition 40 grant funds that they will distribute is for capital projects only. We will also continue to pursue alternative or future funding sources, such as the water bond that will be on the November ballot and any future CALFED grants.

To meet the SGRMP completion deadline of December 2003, it is necessary to award the consultant contract with Fiscal Year 2001-02 Flood Control District funds at this time. Once the SGRMP is completed and adopted, we will solicit future grant funding to implement projects identified in the SGRMP.

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If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Brian Sasaki, Deputy Director at (626) 458-4008.

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